

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116,
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1637

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In re: Bentley et al.

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For: POLYMER STABILIZED NEUROPEPTIDES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of 3 months to respond to the Office Action dated May 31, 2002.
2. Applicant is a small entity; other than a small entity.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

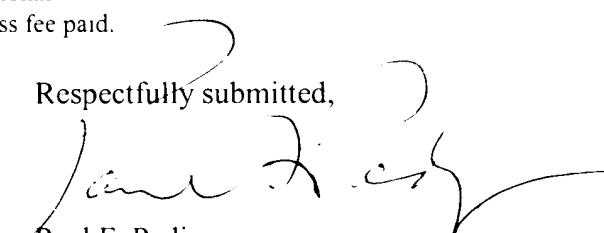
Total Months Requested	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
two months	\$400.00	\$200.00
three months	\$920.00	\$460.00
four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
five months*	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory
limit for response to an Official Action.

Fee Enclosed \$920.00

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any additional
extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,


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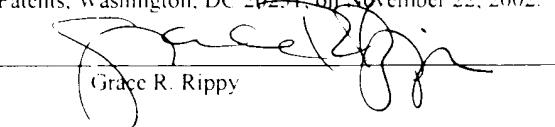
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